

Application No. 09/972,951  
Response dated December 8, 2003  
Reply to Office Action of October 8, 2003  
Docket No. 8006-1009

REMARKS

Responsive to the requirement for election of species,  
applicant elects Species I, Figures 1-4, 6 and 7.

It is believed that claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-12, 14-17, 19-21  
and 23 are readable on the elected embodiment. Thus, claims 4,  
8, 13, 18 and 22 are the only claims not readable on the elected  
embodiment.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this,  
concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any  
overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional  
fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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